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TITLE : DEPRESSANT FOR DRUG DEPENDENCE

ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a medicine having excellent activities for depressing drug dependence by including ifenprodil as an active ingredient.

SOLUTION: This medicine contains ifenprodil or an acid-addition salt thereof as an active ingredient. Well-known medical components are properly formulated therewith and the formulated medicine is formed into a shape suitable for oral administration. The daily dose expressed in terms of the amount of the free base type ifenprodil is 5-200 mg in the case of the oral medicine, 1-100 mg in the case of injection, and the same as the amount of the oral medicine in the case of suppository. The medicine can manifest effects such as analgesic, sedative and antitussive effects by a drug and can suppress the undesirable drug dependence by using the medicine in combination with the drug in a disease and symptom requiring long term use of the drug such as morphine, because the medicine contains the ifenprodil used as an improver of cerebral circulation metabolism up to now, hardly forming mental dependence and physical dependence, and having low toxicity and high safety.

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